(c) what are the plans to stop collection of capitation fees by schools and colleges under the new education policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Government have issued suitable instructions to the State Governments and the Union Territories to present the collection of capitation fees by the Technical and Medical institutions. Legislative measures have also been taken to stop the practice of collecting capitation fees. The All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 passed by Parliament and the proposed amendment to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 which is already under consideration of the Joint Committee of the Parliament, *inter alia* include provisions to prohibit collection of capitation fees. Some of the States have also enacted laws in this regard.

(b) The Government is aware of the fact that certain private technical and medical institutions are charging high tution fees.

(c) The All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 has been passed in pursuance of the objectives of the New Education Policy and as already stated in reply to part (a) of the Question, this Act contains provisions for prohibition of collection of capitation fees.

Development of Water Transport in Rivers Narmada and Tapti

186. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1967 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1987 and state the time by when Government propose to declare Narmada and Tapti as National Waterways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): For declaration of a waterway as a National Waterway, hydrographic survey and techno-economic studies are some of the pre-requisites. The techno-economic study on Narmada has been taken up with the Dutch Assistance and is partly completed. However hydrographic surveys on Narmada is feasible only on completion of four major dams which are contemplated at Narmada Sagar, Omkareshwar, Maheshwar and Sardar Sarovar. As regards Tapti, the hydrographic survey and the techno-economic study are not part of the VII Plan and therefore it is not possible now to indicate the time by which it will be declared as a National Waterway.

Purchase of Russian passenger aeroplane by Indian Airlines

187. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines have decided to purchase Russian passenger aeroplanes; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement and by when the aeroplanes are scheduled to be delivered?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Legislation of ban sex determination test

188. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI P. SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Voluntary Health Association of